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THE following Addreſs has been preſented to Her Majeſty.

May it pleaſe Your moſt Excellent Majeſty,

WE Your Majeſties moſt Loyal and Obedient Subjects, the Biſhop of the Dioceſe, and the Dean and Chapter of Your Majeſties Cathedral Church, of Ely; and the whole Clergy of the ſame Dioceſe, (aſſembled at an Epiſcopal Viſitation held at Cambridge, June 13. 1704.) being deeply ſenſible of Your Majeſties great and unexampled Goodneſs in laying to Your Heart the Meanneſs and Poverty of a very great number of Eccleſiaſtical Livings in this Church and Kingdom, and expreſſing Your tender Senſe of the many Evils which ariſe from thence by Your Majeſties late pious Settlement of a conſiderable Branch of Your Own Revenue for the Augmentation of their Maintenance, and the Encouragement of their Labours, who Serve thoſe Poor and Unprovided Cures, do moſt humble crave leave to preſent our moſt ſincere and hearty Thanks for Your Majeſties moſt ſeaſonable Care and Proviſion for the Service of God, and for the more Comfortable Subſiſtence of His Miniſters.

And We do moſt Unfeignedly, and from the bottom of our Hearts, aſſure Your Majeſty, That we, and every one of us, are ſenſible in Gratitude for this particular Grace, and diſtinguiſhing Mark of Your Majeſties Favour towards our Order, as by the common Ties of Duty we are bound, will upon all Occaſions, to the utmoſt of our Power, Promote and Advance Your Intereſt and Honour; And we ſhall never ceaſe to Offer up our Prayers to Almighty God, that He would long Preſerve Your Majeſties moſt Sacred Life, that He would proſper Your Undertakings, and Crown Your Arms, and thoſe of the Allies, with Victory and an honourable Peace.

And Finally that God would Bleſs this Church and Nation, and all other Your Majeſties Dominions, with ſuch Iſſue of Your Royal Body as may Succeed Your Majeſty in Your Imperial Crown and Dignity, and continue the Succeſſion in Your Own Immediate Line for ever; or, if that Bleſſing ſhould be deny'd us, yet however that He would ſo far Regard this Church, ſo purely Reform'd after the Primitive Apoſtolick Pattern, that there may never want One of Your Royal Family of the Proteſtant Line as by Law Eſtabliſh'd, to Sway the Scepter of theſe Kingdoms till Time ſhall be no more.

Which Addreſs her Majeſty received very Graciouſly.

Eſtremos, June 28. On the 25th inſtant we received Letters from Colonel Huſſey, dated the 23d from Caſtel de Vide, giving an Account, That the Enemy was returned before that Place, and that he had poſted himſelf with Lieut. Gen. Stewart's Regiment under his Command in the weakeſt part of the Town, and where the Beſiegers deſigned to make their Breach, for which purpoſe they had raiſed four Batteries of Cannon, and one of Mortars, but that he had plied them with the Cannon from the Walls with ſo good effect, that he had diſmounted their Mortars, and alſo obliged them to give over firing from two of their other Batteries. Another Letter came from him the next day, dated the 24th, wherein he aſſures us of his Reſolution of holding out to the laſt Extremity, and that when he could keep the Town no longer, he would then retire into the Caſtle, where he did not doubt but he might make a very good Defence. The ſame day, the Conde das Galveas, General of the Portugueſe Forces here, received Advice from Avonches, of Caſtel de Vide's being taken, but we muſt expect a more certain Account before we give entire Credit to it.

Liſbon, July 2. *N. S.* We have received from Abeira a Confirmation of the Victory obtained by the Marquis das Minas, over a Body of French and Spaniſh Forces near Monſanto: He is ſince advanced towards Caſtel-Blanco, and ſome Parties he had ſent out have Intercepted two conſiderable Convoys belonging to the Enemy, who are at preſent in great Diſtreſs on this ſide of the Tajo for want of Proviſions, their Communication with thoſe Parts of Spain from whence they were uſually ſupplied, being in a manner cut off. Lieut. Gen. Fagel is ordered to joyn the Marquis with the Dutch Forces under his Command which lay at *Abrantes*, and we hourly expect to receive Advice that he has done it. The Duke of Anjou, upon Advice of the Defeat of his Forces at Monſanto, raiſed the Siege of Caſtel de Vide, having loſt a great number of Men in three ſeveral Attacks upon a Hornwork, which had been newly made to defend the Caſtle, beſides what had been killed by the Cannon of the Place: He marched to the Tajo, and having continued ſome days near that River, and ſent over the Duke of Berwick with part of his Army to Villa-Velleja and Caſtel-Blanco, which Places the Enemy had fortified, and have now made ſtronger, by adding ſeveral new Works. The remainder of the Duke of Anjou's Army being afterwards joined by the Militia of Andaluſia, to the number of 6000 Men, under the Command of the Marquis de Villa d'Arias, returned before Caſtel de Vide, and renewed the Siege. And we had News two days ago from the Army in Alentejo, that, it is ſaid, the Governour of that Place Capitulated the Twenty fifth paſt, and that Colonel Huſſey, with Lieut. Gen. Stewart's Regiment under his Command, and ſome of the Portugueſe Forces in Gariſon there, were retired into the Caſtle, where they were reſolved to make the beſt Defence they could. The Conde das Galveas, with the Portugueſe Forces which lay at Elvas, deſigned to join the Duke of Schonberg and the Engliſh Forces at Eſtremos, in order to take the Field. The Panther and the Swallow came in here yeſterday from the Fleet Commanded by Sir George Rooke: They bring an Account, That the Fleet had been before Barcelona, and that the Inhabitants both of that Town and the Neighbouring Country, and of Altea where the Fleet Watered in their return, appeared very well diſpoſed towards King Charles III. But at the laſt of theſe Places, there being two Caſtles, the Gariſons whereof attempting to interrupt our Fleets taking in Water: Some Forces were landed in the Night, which took both the Caſtles without any loſs. Our Fleet had given Chace for two days to the French Fleet Commanded by the Count de Thouloufe, and uſed their utmoſt Endeavours to Engage them, but the Wind and Weather proved ſo favourable to the Enemy that it was not poſſible to come up with them, till they got into Thoulon. This day we received an Account, That Sir Cloudeſly Shovel, who ſailed from hence with the Squadron of Engliſh Men of War under his Command the 23th paſt, joined the Fleet the 27th in Lagos Bay, which is thereby become much Superior to any force the Enemy are able to put out to Sea.

Falmouth, July 8. The Expedition Packet-Boat, Captain Clies Commander, arrived here yeſterday from Liſbon, having been 14 days in her paſſage; The Mansbridge Packet-Boat, Captain Chenhall Commander, ſet Sail thither this day. The Sidney Frigat, a Privateer, Commanded by Captain Upton, is alſo ſailed from hence to Cruize.

Plimouth, July 9. Yeſterday came in Her Majeſty's Ships the Deptford and Laſtoff, and under their Convoy, the Hope, Richard Baſſant Maſter, and the Betty, Robert Guy Maſter, both of London, and homeward bound from Fyal;